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SUBJECG: KOSYGIN VISIT TO SWEDEN

REF: STOCKHOLM 691

1. KOSYGIN VISIT TO SWEDEN APRIL 2-6 IS EXPECTED TO BE ROUTINE AND NOT COVER ANY MAJOR NEW GROUND IN SWEDISH- SOVIET RELATIONS. THESE VIEWS SEPARATELY EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY BY SOVIET EMBOFF AND SWEDISH MFA OFFICIAL.

2. BOTH SOURCES SHOT DOWN MARCH 8 VECKANS AFFARER ARTICLE WHICH SAID MAIN OBJECT OF KOSYGIN VISIT WOULD BE TO OBTAIN LARGE SWEDISH CREDITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TO SWEDEN VIA FINLAND. STORY HAD SWEDES EXTENDING \$350 MILLION IN CREDITS OVER 20 YEARS WITH SOVIETS REPAYING WITH NATURAL GAS BEGINNING IN 1978. SOVIET EMBOFF SAID SOVS HAS NOTHING TO ASK SWEDES NOR ANYTHING TO OFFER. SOVS, HE SAID, CAN GET CREDIT IN GREATER AMOUNTS AND LONGER TERMS IN US AND OTHER COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT SWEDES COMPLAIN THAT THEIR TRADE WITH SOVIET UNION IS DECLINING AND THAT SOVIETS GIVE THEIR BUSINESS TO US. SOVIET ANSWER IS SIMPLE:
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" WE GO WHERE FINANCING IS AND PRICES ARE RIGHT."

3. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT GAS DEAL LIKLY TO BE DISCUSSED IN
GENERAL TERMS BUT NO DEFINATE AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED FOR AT
LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. ONE SUBJECT SOVS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING
IS PROBLEM WITH NEW RULES OF ORIGIN EMBODIED IN SWEDISH EC FREE-
TRADE AGREEMENT. HE CONFIRMED THAT SWEDES WILL RAISE QUESTION OF
SWEDISH TRADE DEFICIT WITH SOVIET UNION. VISIT WILL INCLUDE
ONE- DAY TRIP TO GOTHENBURG AND VISIT TO SKF BALL BEARING PLANT
THERE.

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